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TAGS: PGOV, KS, US

SUBJECT: TONGSUN PARK AFFAIR: PARK LETTER AND MPAA

REFS: (A) SEOUL 10821, (B) SEOUL 10820.

1. AS YOU PROPOSED IN PARA 6(A) OF REFERENCE A, WE  
ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT A LETTER FROM TONGSUN PARK WHICH  
WITHOUT IMPOSING CONDITIONS STATES: "I HAVE READ THE  
MPAA AND THE JOINT STATEMENT, AND I AGREE TO COOPERATE  
IN THE WAYS STATED THEREIN." WE WILL LEAVE IT TO  
YOUR DISCRETION WHETHER THIS CAN BEST BE ACCOMPLISHED  
THROUGH A FURTHER EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN YOU AND PARK,  
OR BY ELICITING AN ENTIRELY NEW LETTER FROM HIM. IF THE  
FORMER APPROACH IS USED THE INADEQUACIES OF THE FIRST

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PARK LETTER WOULD BE RENDERED MOOT BY THE FACT THAT THE  
SECOND LETTER BORE A LATER DATE.

2. REGARDING PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE MPAA, WE CANNOT AGREE  
EITHER TO THE ADDITIONAL BEGINNING SENTENCE OR TO DELETION

OF THE FINAL PHRASE. WE BELIEVE WE CAN MEET KOREAN

NEEDS AS WE UNDERSTAND THEM, WHILE RETAINING THE FLEXIBILITY WE NEED, BY REWRITING THE FINAL SENTENCE TO READ: "THE QUESTIONING SHALL NOT CONCERN ACTIONS OR STATEMENTS OF PRESENT OFFICIALS OF THE ROKG OR OF ANY THIRD COUNTRY, EXCEPT THOSE WHICH OCCURRED IN THE U.S. OR IN THE PRESENCE OF U.S. OFFICIALS."

3. FOLLOWING ARE OUR RESPONSES TO THE POINTS RAISED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 4 OF REFERENCE B.

A. AS USED IN PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE MPAA, THE WORD "ENTITY" COULD NOT BE INTERPRETED TO APPLY TO THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT. IT REFERS TO PRIVATE SECTOR, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.

B. WE AGREE TO REVERSING PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 6 OF THE MPAA.

C. WE AGREE TO THE SUBSTITUTION OF "UPON" FOR "AFTER" IN PARAGRAPH 8. WE CANNOT ACCEPT EXPANDING THIS TO "AT THE LATEST UPON". BEGIN FYI - OUR CONCERN IS NOT THAT TONGSUN PARK WILL TRY TO WORK OUT AN EARLIER DISMISSAL DURING THE INTERROGATION/TRIAL PERIOD, BUT THAT A U.S. CONCESSION ON THIS POINT COULD BE MISINTERPRETED AS A SIGN THAT WE ARE WILLING TO DICKER FURTHER ON THE PRIOR DISMISSAL QUESTION NOW. END FYI.  
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4. COMMENT: FOR YOUR BACKGROUND IT WILL BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO KNOW THAT JUSTICE TALKED WITH HUNDLEY AGAIN TODAY ABOUT THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED IN PARK'S LETTER. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, HUNDLEY SAYS THAT

A. THE TAX ISSUE IS DEALT WITH SATISFACTORILY IN THE MOU AS IT IS NOW DRAFTED (THE LANGUAGE IN THE TAX PART OF THE MOU HAS BEEN IMPROVED SOMEWHAT FROM HUNDLEY'S POINT OF VIEW FROM THE VERSION WE HAVE PROVIDED YOU);

B. AT THIS POINT PRIOR DISMISSAL IS OF NO INTEREST TO EITHER HUNDLEY OR PARK;

C. HUNDLEY IS RESIGNED TO THE FACT THAT HE CAN EXTRACT NO FURTHER GUARANTEES FROM US ON THE SUBJECT OF TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES;

D. PARK IS NOW READY TO SIGN A LETTER ALONG THE LINES WE REQUIRE.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT HUNDLEY HAS HAD NO FURTHER  
CONTACT WITH TONGSUN PARK SINCE TUESDAY. VANCE

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